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Applicant: Muir, Malcolm Attorney Docket: 84873.000018

Application No.: 10/822,624 Examiner: Mah, Chuck Y.

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Title: SHIM ASSEMBLY FOR RELEASABLY ENGAGING A HINGE ASSEMBLY

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

On May 10, 2006, a telephonic interview was conducted between
Examiner Chuck Mah and Brian B. Shaw.

1. No exhibits were shown or demonstrations conducted during the interview.
2. Claims 13 – 15 were discussed.
3. The references to Muir (US 5,898,977) and Anderson (US 2,154,716) were discussed.

4. The principal proposed arguments of a substantive nature were directed to a combination of elements in Claims 13 – 15 which distinguish over the cited references.

5. The general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the Examiner were directed to the releasable engagement of the shim and the vent bar.

6. No other pertinent matters were discussed.

7. The general results or outcome of the interview are as described in the Examiner's Amendment to Claims 13 – 15.

Respectfully submitted,

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